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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 14, 2006, Applicants elect Group I (product claims 1-7) without traverse. Applicant respectfully requests that the non-elected claims be retained for possible reinstatement in the event the elected claims are allowable.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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